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Remarks

The Office Action dated July 26, 2005 has been received and duly noted. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 12-14, 16, and 35-40 are allowed.

Claim 5 was objected to, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 5 has been cancelled and the recitation in Claim 5 has been added to Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that amended Claim 1 and dependent Claims 4, 6-8, 10 and 11 should also be in condition for allowance.

Claim 20 was similarly objected to by the Examiner, and this claim has also been cancelled and the recitation in Claim 20 has been added to Claim 17. Accordingly, Applicant submits that amended Claim 17 and dependent Claims 21-24, 26 and 27 should be in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims 6 is another claim which was indicated to be allowable. Claim 6 depends upon Claim 1. The limitations of Claim 6 had been added to independent Claim 28. Accordingly, Applicant submits that amended Claim 28 and dependent Claims 30-33 should be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, early allowance of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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